

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

By the present amendment, claims 1, 3-5, 15, 22-25, and 30-32 are amended, claims 7-14, 16-21, 26-29, 33, and 34 are cancelled. Claims 15, 22, and 23 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 3-5, 14, 24, 25 and 30-32 are currently under consideration in this application. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the application as filed. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Request for Rejoinder

Applicants request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 15, 22, and 23. These claims all depend from claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that rejoining these claims would not present a significant burden to the examiner.

Substance of Examiner Telephone Interviews of February 10 and 11, 2009

Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner Huff for her telephone calls of February 10 and 11, 2009. During the calls, revised claim language was discussed. Applicants have submitted this Supplemental Amendment revising the claim language as suggested by Examiner Huff.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments to the claims, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe the prosecution of the application can be advanced by further discussion of the issues, she is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number provided below.

Applicants believe no fees are due with this amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528 under order number A256 1050 US.I.

Sincerely,

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